Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 11, 13, 24-25, 28-29

1   **4.** (currently amended) The system set forth in claim ~~1~~ 37 wherein:

2   the model further includes representations of further information; and

3   the interface permits the person to access the further information~~makes how the~~

4   ~~further information is related to the model entity perceptible and makes the further~~

5   ~~information perceptible.~~

1   **5.** (original) The system set forth in claim 4 wherein:

2   the interface further permits the collaborator to modify the further information.

1   **6.** (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:

2   the further information is a document that is accessible to the system.

1   **7.** (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:

2   the further information is a message sent to the collaborator by another

3   collaborator.

1   **8.** (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:

2   the further information is an alert that indicates a change in the model that is

3   relevant to the collaborator.

1   **9.** (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:

2   the further information is a reminder generated by the system for the collaborator.

1   **10.** (currently amended) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:

2   the further information is a discussion concerning the model entity among the

3   collaborators.

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Please add the following new claims 37-43:

1   **37.** (new) A system for supporting management of a collaborative activity by persons

2   involved therein, the persons not being specialists in information technology and the

3   system comprising:

4   a representation of a model of the collaborative activity, the representation being

5   accessible to a processor, the model of the collaborative activity including model entities

6   that are organized into hierarchies and provide access to information concerning the

7   collaborative activity,

8   the model entities having types including

9   a goal model entity type, model entities of the type representing goals

10   and/or projects of the collaborative activity and

11   an initiative model entity type, model entities of the type serving to relate

12   goal model entities across the model, and

13   the hierarchies including

14   a goal hierarchy whose members include at least one goal model entity, a

15   given goal model entity belonging to only a single goal hierarchy and

16   an initiative hierarchy whose members include at least one initiative model

17   entity, each initiative model entity being capable of having as children one or more

18   initiative model enties and/or one or more goal model entities from one or more of the

19   goal hierarchies; and

20   a graphical user interface for the system which the processor provides to the

21   persons, the graphical user interface permitting a person of the persons to perform

22   operatons on a model entity including creating, modifying, and/or deleting the model

23   entity, assigning the model entity to a parent in a hierarchy, accessing and/or modifying

24   the information concerning the collaborative activity via the model entity, and viewing

25   model entities in a hierarchy of the hierarchies to which the model entities belong.

1   **38.** (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in

2   claim 37 wherein:

3   the model entity types further include a domain model entity type, model entities

4   of the type serving to relate goal hierarchies across the model; and

5   the hierarchies further include a domain hierarchy whose members include at least

6   one domain model entity, each in domain model entity being capable of having as

7   children one or more domain model entities and/or one or more goal hierarchies.

1   **39.** (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in

2   claim 37 wherein:

3   the graphical user interface provides a display having a first part in which the

4   model entities of the hierarchy are viewed and a simultaneously visible second part in

5   which a model entity selected by the user from the hierarchy is viewed.

1   **40.** (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in

2   claim 37 wherein:

3   any of the model entities is capable of providing access to information concerning

4   the collaborative activity.

1   **41.** (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in

2   claim 37 wherein the system further comprises:

3   access control information accessible to the processor, the access control

4   information controlling access by individual ones of the persons to individual ones of the

5   model entities;

6   the operations which the graphical user interface performs for a given person on a

7   given model entity are determined by the access control information for the given person

8   and the given model entity; and

9   the operations which the graphical user interface will perform include controlling

10   access to the model entity.

1   **42.** (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in

2   claim 37 wherein:

3   the operations which the graphical user interface performs includes viewing

4   model entities as ordered by a value in the information concerning the collaborative

5   activity to which the model entities give access.

1   **43.** (new) A data storage device, the data storage device being characterized in that:

2   the data storage device contains a program which, when executed in a computer

3   system, implements the system set forth in claim 37.